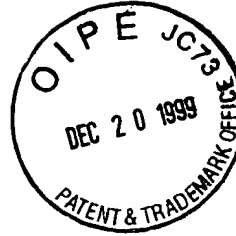


REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Pat. #5,602,905 to Mettke. In response, Applicants have amended claim 1. As amended claim 1 is no longer anticipated by Mettke because Mettke does not teach, disclose, or suggest a stateless human interface device coupled to an interconnect fabric for receiving and rendering data. This distinction will now be discussed in detail.

- (1) *Mettke does not teach, disclose, or suggest a stateless human interface device coupled to an interconnect fabric for receiving and rendering data.*

Mettke's terminal device comprises a monitor, keyboard with mouse, CPU with internal modem, integrating software, a printer, and other attachments. (Mettke, col. 2, ll. 39-46.) As shown in Figure 1 of Mettke, the terminal device is connected to a local telephone node/switching node via a telephone line, which in turn is connected to a feeder/access node for Internet service providers. (Mettke, col. 2, ll. 47-51.) One can see, that this describes the traditional networked computer architecture wherein Mettke's terminal device is a traditional state machine. Therefore, Mettke lacks a stateless human interface device coupled to an interconnect fabric and, as such, does not anticipate amended claim 1 of the present invention.



CONCLUSION

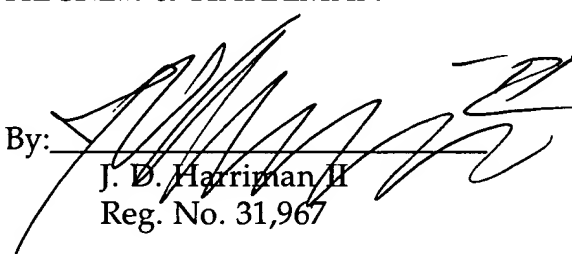
For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that pending claim 1 is patentably distinct from the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that pending claim 1 as well as newly submitted claims 2-48 of the present application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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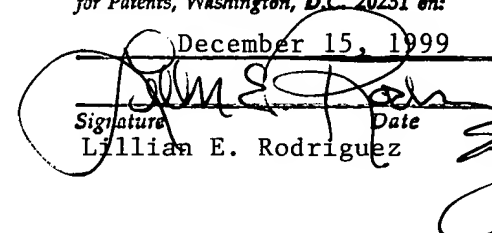

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